

Appl. No. : 10/672,905
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REMARKS

Claims 19 – 49 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has amended Claims 19, 25, 31-35, 40, 44, 45 and 48, and added new claims 50-59. Accordingly, Claims 19 – 59 are presented herein for examination.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

By this paper, Applicant has filed an RCE for further prosecution of the above-identified application.

Allowed Claims

Per the Notice of Allowance dated September 7, 2006, Claims 19 – 49 stand allowed.

Amendments to Allowed Claims 19, 25, 31-35, 40, 44, 45 and 48

By this paper, various editorial and other amendments were made to further clarify the language of various allowed claims, and more precisely recite the aspects of the invention being claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are of a nature that would *not* necessitate reopening of Examination on the merits, and further add no new matter.

Hence Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments into the record, and pass the application to issuance.

New Claims

Three new independent claims and four dependent claims have been added drawn to the same general subject matter as the allowed claims. These new claims are supported in the specification, *inter alia*, at Fig.'s 5-9 and the supporting discussion thereof. These new claims add no new matter.

Other Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims and the new claims are in condition for allowance and requests the Examiner to issue a second notice of allowance at the earliest possible time.

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Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone, he/she is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

Respectfully submitted,

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